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Commissioner for Patents

Washington, District of Columbia 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Letter mailed August 16, 2004, please amend the above application as follows:

Please note that the order of the claims currently presented is illogical but was kept as such to comply with the latest revised format for amendments... "All of the claims in each amendment paper must be presented in ascending numerical order." The applicant would have preferred to present the amended dependent claims, 4 and 5, after their respective new independent claims, 6 and 7. To "cancel" claims 4 and 5 and "re-present" them was considered, but rejected because it was felt that a single claim could not be given two status headings (both "re-presented" and "currently amended"). For logical flow, claims should be read in the following order... 6,4,7,5.

Pursuant to a phone conversation with the examiner on 8/19/04, and in response to the Non-Final Action mailed 8/16/2004, the applicant respectfully submits the following amendments:



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Very respectfully,

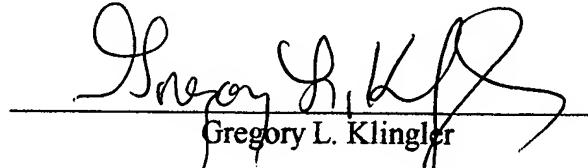


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